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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

13-YEAR EDITORSHIP

On Tuesday of this week, March 1, I completed the thirteenth year of my editorship of East Bay Labor Journal.

When I came to this work on March 1, 1947, I was full of curiosity as to whether the new editor would be granted a free enough hand to do what he wished to do—get out a labor paper which would print the bad news about the labor movement as well as the good, which would run editorials arousing interested controversy rather than routine agreement, and which, above all, perhaps, would refrain from fulsome boasting of my fellow picarders in office.

And I must say that, despite some struggles and compromises, on the whole this paper under this editorship has managed to get all those things fairly well done. And I've enjoyed doing it immensely. Before coming to this job I'd worked on a small daily, big dailies, a big magazine, and for a mighty big Government in the exciting days of the New Deal—but this job on a weekly labor paper has given me the most pleasure of all.

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A FEW BOASTS

Nor will I deny that I'm downright proud of the reputation our paper has built for itself all over the State and to some extent over the nation, in a quiet, persistent way, never competing for prizes, but having always the one self-set prize in mind, that of making every dog-gone issue worth reading.

There have been plenty of hostile critics, and some of them pretty bitter, but I'm going to make a boast right now, and say that when Joe Chaudet and I look the sheet over every week after the press starts pounding it out, we see more things wrong with it, and more things we could have done better by, than all of our critics rolled together in a lump. Frankly, we're after perfection, and we miss it every time!

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ANOTHER BOAST

The labor movement is getting more bad publicity now than when I went to work at this desk 13 years ago, but permit me, as an I-Told-You-So artist of many years standing, to declare that this paper was warning you of what was coming long before it happened, and moreover, that this paper under this editorship has never done anything that added to the stink we're in all over the country right now. Quite the opposite, as some bruised heads will well remember!

Yours fraternally and thirteenly,
LOUIS BURGESS

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Westvaco struck by AFLCIO

Carpenters invest millions to buy new building jobs

Chester Bartalini announced at the Building Trades Council meeting this week that the Carpenters Union in this State is launching an investment program which involves many millions of dollars and will bring a return of many thousands of jobs for carpenters and other building tradesmen.

Bartalini, member of Carpenters 36 here, executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, and newly reelected president of the State Council of Carpenters, said that the first block of \$400,000 in FHA and VA mortgage bonds has been bought with money from the Northern California pension fund of the union.

The same amount of money will be invested each month for six months. And the Southern California Carpenters are preparing to buy their first \$400,000 block on a similar program.

Ultimately, in the 46 counties of Northern California, said Bartalini, it is expected to have some \$25,000,000 of pension fund money of the union invested in these mortgage bonds.

The FHA bonds pay 5.695% interest, and are therefore a very good investment. But the union figures their worth to it is far more than the interest that they return. These investments by the union make millions available for the building of homes which otherwise just wouldn't get built, and of course provide jobs for building craftsmen in the work of constructing those homes.

In other words, said Bartalini, the union is plowing money back in to provide work for its members.

At present, some 99% of such money comes from the East, and it doesn't come fast enough. But if all Western unions followed this policy adopted by the Carpenters, Bartalini believes that there would be enough money available to finance work for building tradesmen for years to come.

Moreover, he pointed out, the

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Roosevelt will be here for March 25

Congressman James Roosevelt has definitely confirmed his acceptance of an invitation to make the principal address at the testimonial dinner to Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan at Jack London Square March 25.

Robert S. Ash as secretary of COPE reminds all union people that March 25 isn't far off and that the tickets to this affair are only \$10, and please buy now.

Proceeds from the dinner go to the campaign to reelect COPE's candidates.

Labor Council asks 119 to hear AFLCIO group

An Open Letter to Members of Local 119, Bakers' Union:

Today, we sent the following letter to your officers:

March 1, 1960

Via Registered Mail

William Wagner, Secretary

Bakers' Union, Local 119

2315 Valdez Street

Oakland 12, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

As you know, the American Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union has already filed for a National Labor Relations Board election at several of the bakeries presently represented by Local 119.

Rather than wait until more members decide individually to leave the expelled B.C. and rejoin the AFLCIO, we feel it is your obligation to allow all of the members of 119 to decide for themselves whether they want to join ABC as a unit, or whether they wish to remain isolated from the labor movement of Alameda County by continuing their present affiliation.

We hereby request permission, along with a representative from the Central Labor Council, to speak before your next regular meeting on March 3, 1960.

Fraternally yours,

SPECIAL ABC COMMITTEE:

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HARRIS WILKIN

ROBERT S. ASH

By: ROBERT S. ASH, member

SPECIAL ABC COMMITTEE

cc: Herb Denk, Everett Beasley

Daniel Flanagan, AFLCIO Reg. Office

East Bay Labor Journal

Each of us is an officer of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, in that capacity, urgently request that you give us an opportunity to tell you why we feel that your best course of action is to rejoin the AFLCIO under the American Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union. In addition, we have another extremely important reason to discuss your affiliation with you. Our members either work directly with you or are employed in the distribution of the products you bake. They are immediately affected by any economic action you may take. In the past, our unions have always supported Local 119. We hope to be able to continue that support and can best do so in the spirit of cooperation which can only exist under the AFL-CIO banner.

We sincerely request that you give us an opportunity to further explain our viewpoint at your March 3rd meeting.

Fraternally yours,

SPECIAL ABC COMMITTEE

Bakery election coming soon

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash at the meeting of that body this week called attention to the fact that it is now expected that within thirty days a representational election will be held to determine whether Bakery Workers Local 119 is to continue in isolation from the united labor movement, or is to come back into the AFLCIO.

(See page 3 for many elections over the country in which this same issue is involved.)

Corporation fails to bluff Chemical Workers Local 62

Chemical Workers 62 marched out of the Westvaco plant at Newark, 160 strong, Tuesday morning, and set up picket lines.

Negotiations, participated in by Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, had lasted until 8:30 Monday evening. After that, a special meeting of the union was held, the situation explained by the negotiators, and a heavy vote to strike was cast.

Mike Cimino, manager of the plant, which is owned by a nationwide concern, had been trying to get the union back to the two-year contract idea which at one time prevailed, but the union insisted on a one-year contract.

The best Cimino would offer was 12 cents an hour wage increase on a one-year contract, with some slight fringes.

At one time a two-year contract, 15 cents the first year, 10 cents the second, with various fringes, was considered. But 15 cents looks like a million dollars to the manager for a plant of the big nationwide corporation.

Jim Medeiros is president of the union. He and Frank George were active in the negotiations.

The small, relatively isolated local has for years never hesitated to walk out when the company's proposals were unsatisfactory, and has long had the vigorous support of the Central Labor Council, which considers Local 62 a top unit for courage and determination.

Politics or die, Carpenters theme

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, told the Central Labor Council this week that he and others were newly returned from a week long convention in Sacramento of the California State Conference of Carpenters capped by a powerful speech by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon.

"Not only Morse, but other able speakers," said Thoman, "made it plain that from here on it's up to labor to fight hard politically or go under—strictly up to us!"

(A summary of events at the Carpenters convention will be found on page 6.)

CLC DISCUSSION ON HAGGERTY SUCCESSOR

Discussion by the Central Labor Council of the coming election of a successor to C. J. Haggerty as secretary-treasurer of the California Federation of Labor will be found on page 7.

HOW TO BUY

We need "true-interest" law

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

We have a golden opportunity to get Congress to pass a "true-interest" disclosure law. It would help protect you against the credit deceptions that have brought misery to many families. Installment abuses are the single biggest consumer gyp of our generation.

The law proposed by Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) would make lenders and dealers tell you both the true annual interest rates and total finance charge when you borrow or buy on time. No longer could they merely say that the loan costs you "only three percent a month"; or "you pay only 7 percent"; or "you can buy this car for just \$60 a month."

No lender or installment seller in the country now tells you the true annual interest rate, except on mortgages. Not a single state requires that lenders or sellers tell the true rate.

They may state the rate as a monthly percentage on the declining balance. But three percent a month charged by a small-loan company, for example, is a true 36 percent a year. The 1½ percent a month charged by a department store or mail-order house is a true 18 percent.

They may state the rate as a percentage of the original debt. But a bank that charges you \$6 per \$100 actually charges a true rate close to 12 percent per annum. A finance company that charges 7 percent on the original balance for a car loan, really charges you about 14 percent per annum. As this department has warned repeatedly for the past 12 years, when you pay back every month you owe an average of only about half the original debt. Say you buy a used car and have a balance of \$600. The dealer sets a finance charge of 15 percent (a typical rate on used cars). You agree to pay in 12 monthly installments. The finance charge is \$90. Your average debt during those 12 months is \$325. The true per annum rate is 28 percent.

Unfortunately, it's not always that simple to figure the true rate. Many contracts are not for 12 months — relatively easy to

figure—but may be for six, nine, 18 or 36 months. Surveys have shown that buyers rarely can tell the true rate when the payments are for less or more than 12 months.

Or sellers merely may tell you the amount of credit fee in dollars. An auto-insurance company says you can pay one-third of your premium now and the balance after 60 days for a "small extra charge". The small charge actually amounts to a true annual interest rate of 15 percent.

Latest device is not to disclose even the monthly or "discount" rates, tricky enough as they are. Sellers say: "You can buy this refrigerator for as little as \$10 a month". There is no mention of how much finance charge, or even the price of the article itself.

When you put your money in a bank, it states the interest it pays you as a true rate, for example, 3½ or 4 percent a year. But when you borrow, the amount of interest you pay the same bank is stated as a "discount" rate—about half the true rate.

The Douglas "true-interest" bill (S. 2755) is sponsored by 17 other senators and backed by labor unions, credit unions and consumer co-ops. The Senate Banking & Currency Committee will hold hearings on it soon. An identical bill has been introduced in the House by U. S. Representative Henry Reuss (D., Wisc.).

Not to change the subject!

One of the girls in the senior class had received an engagement ring the night before, but to her chagrin no one at high school noticed it.

Finally, in the afternoon when her friends were sitting around talking, she stood up suddenly. "My, it's hot in here," she announced, "I guess I'll take off my ring."

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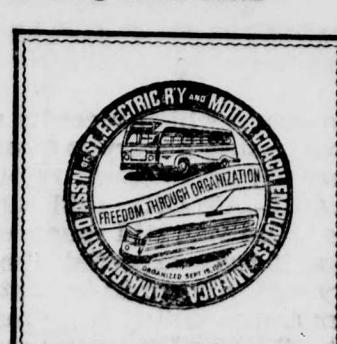
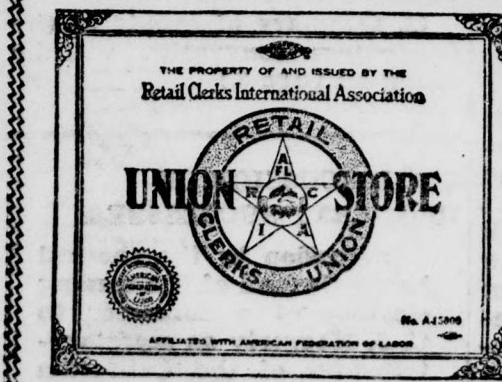
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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

WORKING PEOPLE have served jail terms for drawing unemployment compensation while actually employed, and very little sympathy has been spent by most of us on people who do such things.

But consider the case of Pauline Tower, widow of former San Bruno Mayor Floyd Tower, as reported in the Chronicle February 26. She now resides in San Francisco, and testimony given to Superior Judge Harry J. Neubarth of that city was that during the period 1954-59 she was regularly receiving \$100 a month from her husband's insurance, plus income from investments, and that during that period she bought a \$3400 Buick and a \$5500 Cadillac.

But during that same period, Judge Neubarth found, and declared her guilty of it, she collected \$4679.81 for the support of her 7-year-old daughter, from Aid-to-Needy Children public funds.

JAIL TERM for this charming lady? Not on your life!

The Judge gave her a one-to-ten year prison sentence, suspended; placed her on probation for five years, and ordered her to return \$2800 to the city's welfare department. The rest of the money the city will try to collect through a civil suit, as apparently there are technical complications about that part of the money, even though she was found guilty of taking it illegally.

OUR READERS are asked to supply their own comment on this case, but not publicly, as they might get dragged before the Judge on contempt of court charges, and have to serve a jail term.

This girl made a real test

About three years ago a teenage girl had an argument with her father over the alleged existence of anti-Semitism in their small midwestern town. She contended that it did not exist; her father insisted otherwise.

To settle the matter, the teenager, who recently had read "Gentlemen's Agreement," took her cue from the hero of the novel. She represented herself as a Jewess and, as a major prop, she added to her charm bracelet a silver Star of David, symbol of the Jewish faith.

The girl's schoolmates failed the test. She suddenly lost most of her friends, as well as the argument. The situation was righted at a special high school assembly program, at which the teen-ager confessed her ruse, to the embarrassment of her schoolmates and their parents.—New York Times.

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What to expect from cleaners

With the increasingly complex fabrics coming from textile markets today, everyone looks to his dry cleaner as one person, at least, who knows how best to care for them. With his knowledge of the ways fabrics perform in use, your dry cleaner can be a great help to you in getting the most from your wardrobe.

In addition to personalized service, you should expect some, if not all, of these services:

Straight, sharp creases; no double creases, no wrinkles.

Molded, firmly pressed chest. Collar, shoulders, neckline pressed to fit smoothly as when new.

No pocket, seam or button impressions.

Lint-free trouser cuffs.

Straight hemlines and pleats.

If buttons, bows or ornaments are removed by the dry cleaner, they should be replaced.

Main thing to look for is the cleaner who gives personal individual attention to you and your clothes.—Farmers Union Herald.

Gift for baby

"What did you give the baby on his first birthday?"

"We opened his piggy bank and gave him an electric iron."—Manchester Oak Leaves.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

"CHILDREN NEED adult heroes as well as heroines," says John Niemeyer, president of the Bank Street College of Education in New York City.

For a very long time up to a very few years ago, our elementary schools were staffed almost entirely by women. Men were used as principals, of course, and men taught in high schools. But that was about all.

It is now felt that from about the third grade on, men can be used with advantage in many schools. In our local schools, this is being done, and in larger schools where there may be three or four classes for each grade, we often see some of them staffed by women and some by men.

It is felt that boys, especially, can be benefitted by men teachers. Indeed, many boys, accustomed to women teachers only, have, in the past been inclined to think of education as a whole as "sissy" since it seemed to be a field dominated by women.

One woman educator feels that since the fathers of so many youngsters today commute and are away from home a great deal, children particularly need the influence of men in the classroom.

Men teachers, too, are very useful on the playground, playing games of various kind with the boys and teaching them many skills, which fathers no longer seem to have the time to do.

We are warned to remember that all men teachers are not good teachers any more than all women teachers are, and a man should not be given a specific job merely because he is a man.

While women these days are entering all sorts of trades and professions once considered to be the province of men, it is interesting to note that the trend works both ways, and many young men are now finding satisfying careers in a field which for long had belonged exclusively to women.

It is always good to see ancient prejudices based on false premises swept aside, and to see people judged on their individual fitness for any careers to which they may aspire.

Sonny in there pitching for dad

In Sunday School in Washington, 9-year-old Joel Roush was the only pupil who failed to raise his hand when requested to contribute a penny a day to the church building fund. Asked why, Joel explained: "My father (Congressman J. Edward Roush, Indiana Democrat) says he's going to need every cent we've got for his reelection campaign."—LABOR.

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AFLCIO Bakers and Jim Cross remnant are in many contests

American Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, AFLCIO, has petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for representation elections in Oakland, California; and Salt Lake City, and Ogden, Utah.

ABC—AFLCIO is conducting a West Coast organizational campaign among remaining members of the expelled Bakery and Confectionery Workers. The announcement of the two petitions was made by Daniel V. Flanagan, AFLCIO Regional Director.

B & C Local 119, Oakland, represents 500 bakery and confectionery workers in the Bay Area. B & C Local 401, Salt Lake City, represents some workers.

ABC Local 24, San Francisco, has petitioned for Colonial Bakers, Inc., South San Francisco. With victory among the 58 employees ABC will have completed its mission of wiping out B & C in the San Francisco area. This shop was the only shop in Local 24's jurisdiction that remained in B & C in the first election two years ago, Edward Kemmitt, secretary-treasurer and ABC vice president, said.

"The ABC—AFLCIO campaign is moving forward on schedule," Franz Daniel, AFLCIO Assistant Director of Organization and director of the bakery drive, said. "Other petitions are expected soon."

"The Oakland petition smashes the front of B & C's West Coast Conference which remains in the discredited organization headed by James Cross," the AFLCIO official pointed out. "ABC already has taken San Francisco, Bakersfield and Fresno."

The B & C members in ever growing numbers are recognizing

Letter Carriers set salary rally Friday, March 4th

Plans have been completed by the Letter-Carriers of the East Bay, in conjunction with the Postal Central Council and the Members of the American Federation of Government Employees, for a mammoth salary rally, in their efforts, to attain a Liveable Wage, for all Federal Employees. On Friday evening, March 4th, at the Oakland Auditorium Theater, at 8:00 p.m., will launch the "CRUSADE FOR ECONOMIC EQUALITY" for these Postal and white collar workers of the Federal Government. The speakers for the evening will be, Jas. A. Campbell President of the A. F. G. E. and also the Government Employees Council, and Peter J. Cahill, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Both of these men, will arrive from Washington, D. C. on Friday evening, and attempt to bring an up to date picture, of their efforts on salary legislation. It is anticipated, that a large throng will be present and it is the fervent hope of the committee that the theater will be filled.

All men of Labor, are invited to attend, as well as their families. The impact, for the need of salary legislation, can be fully realized by your attendance, says M. P. Sgav, secretary Branch 76 N. A. L. C.

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ing the weakness of the organization and are seeking unity and strength in AFLCIO."

Since B & C was expelled from AFLCIO in 1957, ABC has won bargaining rights for some 85,000 bakery workers. B & C still represents some 15,000 workers on the West Coast.

ABC—AFLCIO is conducting organizational drives in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, Los Angeles and San Diego, California.

In other developments in the AFLCIO's campaign, ABC won a NLRB election in San Francisco and negotiated a 25 cent plus package increase in Torrance, California.

California Wafer Company workers, San Francisco, voted 42 to 0 in favor of ABC on February 16. They were formerly in B & C Local 125.

ABC Local 31, Long Beach, negotiated a 25-cent plus package for the 110 employees of Carnation Frozen Pie Company, Torrance, California. Thirteen cents of the wage increase is retroactive 20 weeks to October 1, 1959. A twelve cent an hour increase goes into effect October 1, 1960. Fringe benefits were also negotiated.

Carnation Workers, describing the contract as the "best we ever had," unanimously approved the agreement at a membership meeting January 19th.

Dinner will honor chairman of Demos

A Smorgasbord dinner honoring County Central Committee Chairman Dan W. Longaker and elected Democratic officials will be given on Saturday, March 5th, at 7 P.M. at the Retail Food Clerks Union Hall, 6537 Foothill Blvd. Lieutenant Governor Glen Anderson will be guest speaker.

The affair is sponsored by the Women Democrats, 15th A. D. and the 15th A. D. Democratic Clubs, co-chairmen Mrs. Jean King and Wm. Reich announced. Their telephone numbers are: KEEl 2-6733 and LOckhaven 2-4712.

Print Specialties Radiant pact set

Printing Specialties Local 382 has negotiated a two-year contract with the Radiant Color Company, with plants on Isabella Street and on 26th Street in Oakland, retroactive to January 15.

The agreement provides for a minimum the first year of 5% up on wages, with adjustments up to 24 cents an hour; 7 cents across the board next year. Sick leave is a new clause in the contract in the relations of the union with this company, said President John Ferro.

Rose Brown named veep of Specialties Council

Rose Brown, Printing Specialties Local 382, has been elected vice president of the Printing Specialties District Council.

GOOD DEMOCRATS GET BETTER in election year:
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Laborites attend D. C. safety meet

Forty job safety experts from California accepted the invitation of President Eisenhower to attend the President's Conference on Occupational Safety in Washington this week. They were in session with some 3,000 leaders from all parts of the nation, representing labor, industry, education, and government.

California labor people in attendance included Harry Finks, secretary, Sacramento Labor Council; William Grami, secretary-treasurer, Santa Rosa Teamsters 980; Thomas A. Rotell, secretary-treasurer, Bay Cities Metal Trades Council; George Smith, assistant business manager, IBEW 18 of Los Angeles; William Zalabak, business representative, Laborers Local 270 of Saratoga.

MOUNTING SUPPORT FOR FORAND BILL

A ground swell of grassroots support for the enactment of the "Forand Bill" by Congress this year was reported by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation AFLCIO.

"Within the period of one week since the mailing of the AFLCIO leaflet, 'Can You Afford To Be 65?', to all locals in the state," Haggerty said, "orders for more than 200,000 copies of the leaflet have been received by the Federation's office in San Francisco."

STATE PERSONNEL Board Member Bob Ash asks all unions who have members working for the State to supply him with private industry pay scale of members.

Telegraphers Union will supply bus service to crucial Mar. 11 meeting

The nationwide contract of Commercial Telegraphers Union with the Western Union Company expires March 31.

President Larry Ross of Local 208 here has notified all members of that local that "the chairman of your bargaining committee will be in this area Friday, March 11, to explain our demands and to check on our determination to win the best contract in history."

A special meeting will be held on that date at 7:30 p.m. in the concert room of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Ross says:

"The union will provide bus service for all members who desire a ride to the Palace Hotel. Buses will depart from 12th and Oak and will transport you back after the meeting."

meet Bob Anderson

Snow-Gauger Bob Anderson checks the High Sierra snow "crop" to see how much water will be available to turn our electric generators. This used to take weeks of snowshoeing through rugged country. Now, by helicopter, our snow gaugers do the job in hours—saving time, money. Efficiencies like this help PG&E hold down the price of service to you. (Our customers pay \$1 for the same gas and electricity that costs \$1.28 elsewhere.*). That's important because you're using more and more every year to live better!

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Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Despite a Health Service report of unseen worms in the drinking water of many U. S. cities, Ike vetoed the Water Pollution Control Bill. Some of our Congressmen tried to override Ike's veto on February 25th.

It was interesting to note that 234 Democrats, and only 15 Republican legislators were concerned about contaminated drinking water. 130 Republicans, and 27 Democrats voted in favor of the worms.

The vote to override the veto was 22 short of the two-thirds required.

We sincerely hope some of the polluted streams and rivers are located in areas represented by those legislators who voted against Pollution Control.

They seem to be trying to worm their way into the good graces of Republican moneybags.

For the water drinking public, we hope this wormy situation is only a passing problem.

Carpenters Credit Union

PAUL HEDGINS, Treasurer

It's easy to borrow from your Credit Union if you are a member and have been saving a little regularly. If you have lost a couple of weeks work and need a loan for living expenses, the loan committee is going to look at your share account. If you have not been saving they are likely to ask:

"How can you make payments on a loan during the coming year if you couldn't save anything out of your paychecks last years?" Saving comes before borrowing. Before the Credit Union could make loans, somebody had to invest in shares to make the money available.

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when they need a loan are helped, too, and they will become savers. Because in a Credit Union, when a man pays off a loan, he then continues turning in money for his share account.

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Join now and start saving. Send in your one dollar entrance fee to Carpenters Credit Union, 2253 East 19th Street, Oakland 6, California.

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

There is a lot of enjoyment in working with young people.

As Secretary of the Apprenticeship Committee here in Alameda County, I have the opportunity of working with the young fellows who are coming into the trade and I find it very rewarding. Some of the boys are outstanding and will be a credit to the craft. Most of them work hard towards their journeyman rating but each one is different in his thinking and application of what he has learned.

I have found the same thing applies to my four kids. Not one of them thinks or acts like the other and yet all seem to have the same basic beliefs and ideals. They will all be out of school within the next five years . . . the first one graduating this year makes me feel kinda old . . . but it will be interesting to see how they apply what they have learned and whether they will remember what we have tried to teach them. Mainly, it's what you ARE and not what you have that's important.

This could apply to unions too. We are all types and breeds and yet where our union is concerned we end up thinking pretty much alike. We're all concerned with making an honest living, providing our families with a decent home and education, and looking after the health and welfare of our kids, ourselves and our old folks. I don't think we're asking to much, but there are those who do. They like to point out how the working man is greedy for high wages that he constantly demands increases in pay thus causing prices to spiral. Very little of the truth is told so that even some working men and their wives come to believe this myth. It isn't the laborer's wages that are causing inflation but the huge profits extracted by big business. This can be proved by facts and figures and doesn't need reams of high sounding words to convince anybody of the truth of it.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Painters Local No. 40

By GENE SLATER

I have just returned from Long Beach where I attended the California State Conference of Painters convention. It was a very interesting convention with many important resolutions acted on. Walter Morris, who has been active in the Conference since its activation and has been serving as president for many years, retired this year. Kenny Hower, business representative of Local 913, San Mateo, was elected president. Our business representative, Ben Rasnick, was elected vice president of the 2nd District, which includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, and Napa Counties, formerly served by the late Hugh Rutledge. Come to our next meeting on the 11th of March for a complete report from all the delegates. At this same meeting the new by-laws will be presented.

2nd Quarters dues, assessments and insurance total \$30.60. 30¢ less due to a lower premium on our insurance.

For those members who haven't collected their vacation money for 1958, it must be taken out by March 31, 1960. If it isn't applied for before this date it reverts to the administration fund. Be sure to check on this so you won't lose any money you might have coming.

I hope to see the hall full for our next meeting. Will you be one of them? I hope so. Refreshment will be served.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Some of you may know and others may not know that we have to write this column the week prior to which it is published. Inasmuch as this week's column is being written the week of Washington's Birthday, we do not have much to report.

I confess I may be a little excited myself this week because my youngest son, Stanley is getting married on February 27. We believe Stanley is marrying a very nice girl, whose name is Rose Fredericks. There will be a church wedding on Saturday, the 27th, with a reception at the bride's home. Stanley will become a journeyman watchmaker within a few months after completing his apprenticeship training working for Granat Bros.

Ever since the first of the new year I have received more requests from members of the union as to the prices charged for watch repairs by various stores. After checking this type of jewelry store I find that you will not be far wrong in charging the following:

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Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Our first February meeting was a short one. After the usual order of business was attended to the members motored out to the Richmond birthday party. Everyone reported a pleasant evening. The second meeting was

called to order by our new president, Eleanor Noell. I was unable to attend but according to reports she did very well for her first time in the chair.

President Noell assisted by Vice President Ruth Downs, was hostess at Sister Opal Lawrence's home, to the new officers. A very pleasant evening was had and many constructive and worthwhile ideas were brought forward. After which the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

I am very happy to report that our Eve Hare who has been very seriously ill in the hospital is home now and on the road to recovery. In fact it is really amazing how fast she has recuperated considering how very ill she was. As many of you probably know we Past Presidents went to San Francisco for our annual good time at which we initiated our new Past President, who this time was Myrtus Neyhouse. We had completed our dinner and were enjoying our coffee prior to going on to the rest of our entertainment, when Eve became very ill, and was immediately rushed to a hospital. After which we were not in the mood of partying so we postponed our reservations to some time in the near future and came home.

Sister Evelyne Gerholdt, whose son Jimmy was hospitalized for an operation on the kneecap, reports he is home now and doing fine.

Congratulations to Brother Chris and Sister Marie Dixon who are getting a new son-in-law, daughter Dorothy being married this month in Las Vegas. Best wishes for long and happy married life to the young couple.

The sewing club met at Sister Martha Pettit's home, and made plans for the sewing projects for the coming year. They have many worthwhile ideas, which I am sure they will be able to complete.

There will be a social get together at Sister Myrtus Neyhouse's home April 23rd. Try and attend as a very good time is promised.

Start saving your donations for the rummage sale which will be held August 31st.

Don't forget to look for that little old union label bug when you shop. That's thirty for now.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Recently the writer called to your attention the Forand Bill HR 4700, introduced by Congressman Aime J. Forand. This bill provides minimum health care for the aged under Federal Social Security system.

If you have not already done so, please read General President Peter T. Schoemann's editorial on this Bill in the February issue of the United Association Journal. Then write your Congressman and this States' two United States Senators, telling them in your own words why you are requesting of them their support of this bill and don't put this off but do it today.

The auditor has completed the auditing of the union books. In the near future you will receive by mail our financial report.

We would like to remind you that 1960 is election year. If you did not vote in the last primary or general election or if you have moved your residence, you must

re-register in order to vote in the next election. Registrars are available in the Labor Temple building. The employment situation remains slow. From all indications there are three projects due to start before long. They will help to relieve the unemployment problem. Be sure to attend our next membership meeting. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Spring's comin' on — and Dwight Kerstetter, Joe McLennan, Ralph Gilbert, Sy Legg, and Tony Vargas, among others, are chompin' at the bit, ready to pick up the brush and have at it.

If the sun keeps on shining, the phone will begin ringing and it will be back to work for everybody. According to local newspaper reports there is going to be several large projects underway soon, so it could be a good year, once it gets goin'.

All who have signed the unemployed list should keep in daily touch with the office.

Business Representative Leroy Barstow has been kept hustling lately with jurisdictional disputes (other crafts trying to be paperhangers and tapers) — investigating non-payment of waiting time, travel time, overtime—and Brothers not taking time to come in for job clearances.

Your copy of the Agreement and new Constitution awaits you in the office.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The Local sent me to Sacramento last week as a delegate to the State Council and I must say it was a good convention. There were many things brought in under the theme of political action which were informative and useful. Keep your eyes open for the special meeting when the delegates make their reports. These should be worthwhile to each of us.

There are 260 on the "list" this February 29th (Monday) and it was a slow week for jobs. If the rain is over it should pick up, though.

Remember that you must be on the "list" before you can be dispatched. We have had some brothers who neglected this to their embarrassment and ours.

A story was told at the convention of a man at the Pearly Gates asking admission. St. Peter asked him what he had done to deserve same, he said once he gave a paper boy a dime for an eight cent paper and another time put 2 cents in a blind beggar's cup. St. Peter told him to wait. Upon due consideration it was decided to return his four cents and let him go to Hell.

W. J. FOLEY of the merged Insurance Workers Local 30 says that his international union has won before the Supreme Court a case in which the union was charged with unfair labor practices during a strike. "Buy union label," he added.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 15.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death Assessment No. 439 is now due and payable. An old time member of Local No. 216, Brother Bert Trindle, No. 52288, passed away on January 1, 1960.

We have received word from Mrs. Hendrickson that Brother Fred Hendrickson has been very ill and blood donors are needed. Mr. Hendrickson was in Kaiser Hospital and we believe that donors can go directly to Kaiser Hospital to give the blood. Anyone that can donate is requested to contact our office, call TWInoaks 8-3010, for further information.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD
Business Rep.

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 8-1120.

The next regular meeting will be held March 5th at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, at 2:00 p.m.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

MILLMEN 550

There is a need for blood donors. Members wishing to donate blood will please call the Kaiser Hospital, OLYmpic 3-6121, ask for the Blood Lab, and make an appointment.

Fraternally,
E. H. OVEMBERG,
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BAKERY DRIVERS 432

The next QUARTERLY MEETING will be held Tuesday, March 8, 1960, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland.

As per by-laws, a PENALTY of \$5.00 will be imposed for non-attendance.

Your attendance is urgently requested. Please be on time as no attendance cards will be given out after 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
LES BENHAM,
Sec.-Treas., Bus. Rep.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

The stewards will meet Thursday at 8:00 p.m. March 17, 1960.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. March 23, 1960.

There will be a deputy registrar present at each roll call each Monday to get all carpenters and their families registered to vote for the primary and general elections for 1960. If you have moved or failed to vote in the last election you must re-register in order to be eligible. You can also register during the local union meeting. Register and vote today for a better tomorrow.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

For all you members who are interested. Your next regular meeting has been set ahead to Saturday, March fifth. It was agreed at the last regular meeting to nominate and elect a new vice president and to nominate and elect three trustees for terms of one, two and three years. So please remember the date and come out and vote for the man of your choice to fill this vacant office and trustees.

Fraternally,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The second reading of the proposed By-Laws will be at the Regular meeting of March 15, 1960, the third reading and vote will be at a Regular and SPECIAL meeting April 19, 1960.

Also on the agenda for the March 15th meeting will be Nominations and Elections for: one Delegate to the Central Labor Council and two Delegates to the Western Joint Council to be held in Seattle, Washington, May 22 through May 26, 1960.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday, March 4th is the date of our next regular meeting, and such other business as may come before it. The other business mentioned comes up at all meetings; does not require a Special meeting but does have to be acted upon immediately due to time limits. You should be there to keep posted on what is happening to organizations such as ours at this time.

From this office you will soon, on our letterhead receive some information regarding some clauses in the agreement with our employers. Please read it and act accordingly.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, each Friday at 8:00 p.m.

The March 4th meeting will also be a special called meeting to vote on the proposed amendments to the local by-laws.

The delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters convention will give their report.

Stewards meeting will be held on March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, March 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

COPE, 13TH A. D.

The 13th Assembly District COPE meets every second Wednesday at 696 B Street (upstairs), Hayward, at 8:30 p.m. Executive Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Please note time changes.

Dues for 1960 are now due and payable with a grace period allowed until April 1st.

Union members who are also affiliated with the Central Labor Council or the Building or Metal Trades Councils are invited to attend and join the 13th AD COPE. Wives are also urged to join. Dues are \$3.00 per year for members and 60¢ additional for spouse.

The need for workers during this election year is profound. Labor needs help in government more than ever before. Stand up and be counted now.

Fraternally,
JO EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer
13th A. D. COPE

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Notice to all members of Building Service Employees Union, Local 18:

Nomination for four delegates was held at the General Membership meeting Friday, February 26, 1960. Election by secret ballot will be on March 15, 1960 at the office of the Union, 1628 Webster street, Oakland and the polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The four delegates elected will represent Local 18 at the following conferences and/or conventions held during 1960: Western Conference to be held May 1 in New York City; the International Convention which starts May 2nd in New York City; the California State Federation on August 15th in Sacramento and the California State Council of Building Service Unions in Fresno sometime in November.

These members nominated and elected must be members who have been in continuous good standing for at least three years and who can attend the above mentioned conventions.

There is also one trustee to be nominated and elected at the same time and place. Our constitution provides that for this office, nominations shall be submitted in writing, signed by at least 20 members who have been in continuous good standing in Local 18 for at least three years, and no verbal nominations for this office can be accepted. Interested members should read pages 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Local 18's Constitution.

Fraternally yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT
Secretary-Bus.-Rep.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Daddy, dear Daddy,

what's your union?

They send kids to

fields to die in

dread machinery

After talking to 100 students at Fremont High School recently, Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender decided that it's time for parents who belong to unions to let their children know a little about unionism.

Hellender asked all the students whose parent or parents belonged to unions to raise their hands. Over 90 of them did so.

How many knew the names of these unions? Twenty raised their hands. But of these 20, many knew the number and not the name of a union, and others supplied names of unions that must be in Never Never Land.

How many or you remember having your parents talk to you about unions? Three hands went up. And further questioning revealed that these "talks" amounted to about this, "Well, I gotta pull out and attend a union meeting tonight."

By Haydis, teacher of the class or group in economic history of the U.S. which was the one Hellender addressed, said the students were asked how many of the class would cross a picket line. Only five said they would not cross a picket line, and two of these said they wouldn't cross a picket line if it seemed dangerous to do so.

Haydis said that as a teacher he could not comment on this to the class, but that as a citizen and union man he could do a heap of thinking about it.

COUNSELING COURSE is now under way. Unions whose members are not yet signed up for it are asked to get busy. There are seven sessions in all.

The following is an editorial reprinted from the New York Post:

"Recently a 12-year-old working with other children on an Idaho farm got her ponytail hairdo caught in a potato digging machine. Her entire scalp, her ears, eyelids, cheeks, and the skin along her jawbone and her neck were ripped off. Friday, after almost a week of fruitless plastic surgery, she died.

"The lack of protection for child and migrant workers on our farms constitute a large shame on our society. Yet whenever labor and social groups try to bring about reforms through the Department of Labor, the farm operators scream indignantly.

"The agonized cry that pierced the Idaho potato field should end the argument."

In connection with this incident the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor has been informed that the local school system in Idaho was having a "harvest vacation" in order that children could participate in the potato harvest. The committee received word also that another girl in the same state received serious injuries from the same type of machine.

This tragic waste of young lives can be avoided, the Advisory Committee said. A bill now in Congress, S. 2141, provides that children employed in agriculture shall have the same protections under the Fair Labor Standards Act as children employed in industry. — California Labor Federation.



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SETTLEMENT CAME in long Wilson strike as workers got support and practical aid. Here sympathizers and canned foods poured into Albert Lea, Minn., to support members of Packinghouse Workers Local 6. Bus at right brought a union delegation and 3,000 pounds of goods from Duluth, Minn.

Gulf Oil Company sets up political grassroots units

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The Gulf Oil Corporation has set up its own political arm, thus thrusting the corporation as a business entity openly into American politics.

Gulf's political organization and program, adopted in June, was concisely outlined by Vice President Archie D. Gray in a communication to "fellow employees and shareholders."

Gulf plans to operate on two levels: chiefly at the grass roots but also nationally.

Regional "political supervisors" will be picked from within the company. They will be trained and in turn will train a "hard core" of district managers.

Nationally, a two-man Washington office will be set up. One man will be a "top-notch" legislative analyst and registered lobbyist; the other will be a political writer and public relations man.

The political organ will be a biweekly newsletter out of Washington and professionally written. This will be supplemented by Gulf's house publications.

Beyond this tight organization down to the level of district managers, Gulf says it will encourage its employees to become politically active and "consider" leaves of absence at the company's "discretion" to employees elected to public office.

Part-time civic and political duties "deemed worth - while" will be brought within reach of employees through arrangement with immediate supervisors.

"Since wives are tremendously important," the Gulf program states, their participation will be encouraged.

"Complete dossiers of all congressmen from the states in which Gulf has an interest" will be maintained. — AFLCIO News.

Dick Bartalini member of law firm in Oakland

C. Richard Bartalini, son of Chester Bartalini, executive secretary of the District Council of Carpenters, is now a member of a law firm established in the Pierce building in Oakland.

The announcement states that "Edward L. Merrill, Donald P. McCullum, C. Richard Bartalini, formerly of the Alameda County District Attorney's office, and Robert L. Hughes, announced their association for the general practice of law under the firm name of Merrill, McCullum, Hughes and Bartalini." — Washington Teamster.

White preacher is up to be counted

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — When the White Citizens Council began a campaign against the impending integration of Dollarway School here recently, one white minister stood up to be counted.

He was the Rev. Carlos E. Martin, young pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, which is located in the district served by the Dollarway School.

Mr. Martin took as his text "As You Sow So Shall You Reap" and told his congregation in an editorial in his church paper that the hatred being sown would rise up to haunt them for years to come.

The Citizens Council then turned its attack on him, but he stood firm.

Mr. Martin is a native of Arkansas and received his theological training at Southern Methodist University. He modestly says he had no thought of doing anything especially brave when he wrote his editorial.

"I guess I've always known—even before I studied for the ministry—that segregation was wrong," he explains. "Suddenly here I was in a concrete situation where there was something I could say and do." — Southern Patriot.

'Poisons in your food' appal Teamster editor as he reads the list

In the weeks since we were upholding the merits of food in civilization, a book has come out that shakes our position. We cannot be quite so sure that there isn't something to be said for trying to make out with what you can find on an island. What we are eating is a long way from what we see, contends William Longgood, in "The Poisons In Your Food."

Food technicians are deceiving and defrauding housewives through alchemy. Longgood maintains. He asserts that:

"Virtually every bite of food you eat has been treated with some chemical somewhere along the line: lyes, bleaches, emulsifiers, antioxidants, preservatives, flavors, buffers, noxious sprays, acidifiers, alkalizers, deodorants, moisteners, drying agents, gases, extenders, thickeners, disinfectants, defoliants, fungicides, neutralizers, sweeteners, anticaking and antifoaming agents, conditioners, curers, hydrolyzers, maturers, fortifiers, and many others." — Washington Teamster.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Bartalini is reelected State Carpenter head; Morse speaks

General officers of the California State Council of Carpenters were unanimously re-elected for two year terms at the 32nd Annual Convention in Sacramento last week.

They are Chester R. Bartalini, Bay Counties District Council, San Francisco, president; Gordon A. McCulloch, Los Angeles District Council, vice-president; and Harry J. Harkleroad, San Francisco, executive secretary-treasurer, delegate from his home Local Union No. 1815, Santa Ana. The general officers, and the executive officers of 15 District Councils and two delegates at large, comprise the State Executive Board.

Disneyland Hotel at Anaheim, Orange Co., was chosen as the site for the 1961 Convention. The Convention was attended by 315 delegates from Local Unions and District Councils from Eureka to San Diego. The Ladies Auxiliary met simultaneously.

U. S. Senator Wayne L. Morse of Oregon, and O. William Blaier, 2nd general vice president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, were the principal speakers at the four day meeting. Governor Edmund G. Brown and several other top State officials also addressed the Convention.

Senator Morse, who held the Convention's attention for more than an hour in a stirring speech, was given a noisy standing ovation as he left the Convention Hall in the Hotel Senator. His address dwelt heavily on the unfairness of the Landrum-Griffin Bill, touched on labor force changes in the 60's, the need for labor to watch the political front, picketing curbs and free speech, new legislation he has proposed to correct existing laws, and a variety of phases of interest to labor.

"The element of labor which went along with the Landrum-Griffin Bill before realizing it is a law to hamstring labor, will find to their dismay that organizing the new and unorganized workers will be far more difficult than before, and in many cases, impossible," Senator Morse said.

"Too many labor leaders have lost sight of the importance of the political and legislative framework within which they live," he said in another tack. "Perhaps they believed that their bargaining problems and the iron roads of automation were as much as they could cope with."

Best time to sign man is first day

"The best time to sign up a new employee is the first day on the job." This is how John Zappian, Steward in Gas Street, San Francisco Division, views the problems of organizing.

"After all, the minute a man starts to work he starts getting the benefits the Union has secured for us—overtime, meals, wage increases, expenses. He owes it to the guys he's working with to pay his share."

John, who also serves as Chairman of the San Francisco Division Gas Unit, has put his ideas into practice by signing up more new members in 1959 than any other steward in San Francisco Division. He is an easy man to spot in the Yard at 18th and Shotwell any morning before or after 4:30. There will be a cluster of men with John in the center explaining a point on the Agreement or selling the Union to some new employees.

What disturbs John most is members who run down the Union on the job. "These guys will complain about the Union to everyone on the job but they'll never turn out at a meeting where sounding off will do some good." — Utility Reporter.

"But every legislative body, be it the Congress, a state legislature, or a city council, is just as important to the security of unionism as are its collective bargaining agreements with employers. Labor will find that this unfortunate Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law gives great new weight to the employers side of the bargaining table. And in some respects it will prove a strikebreaking weapon."

Vice-President Blaier, who also addressed the Convention for an hour and was given a rousing reception, touched on a variety of topics. He said construction prospects for the sixties were excellent due to the need of replacement of existing housing units and construction of additional ones to meet increasing population, plus highways, schools, industrial, utility and other units, and discussed anti-labor questions.

"I scarcely need tell you delegates that organized labor is right now fighting for its life," Blaier declared. "You know as well as I do that the enemies of labor are not satisfied because they got the Landrum-Griffin Bill enacted. The ink was scarcely dry on this measure when the Goldwaters and the Landrums were talking of a new bill to make unions subject to antitrust laws and make it illegal for them to participate in politics in any way."

Phone ordering is foreseen growing

Telephone orders are beginning to play a larger role as a sales building device for department and specialty stores. A Fairchild News Service trend check focuses attention on the increasing popularity of what has heretofore been regarded as a necessary evil.

The years ahead may see increasing use of the telephone order operation as a merchandising device. This in part has been due to an aggressive promotional campaign on the part of American Telephone and Telegraph. This year, AT&T plans a national consumer magazine advertising campaign sounding the theme, "shop by phone when you can't leave home."

In spite of the campaign, the AT&T will have a hard job convincing many store managers. For the most part, retail merchants are generally either complacent about phone orders or down right unreceptive. Many retailers believe phone ordering keeps customers out of the store; increases the already weighty burden of delivery cost; requires repeated and costly advertising because it is not a "natural" business; produces an uneconomical backlash of merchandise returns; is being stunted in growth by the expansion of suburban retailing. — Retail Clerks Advocate.

Al Hayes figures 10% carry the union load

If only 80, or even 50, percent of America's 17 million trade union families would become active in support of the organization which has made possible their comfortable apathy, we'd see real progress in solving the nation's problems.

Instead, Machinists' International President Al Hayes told the Denver Area Labor Federation Breakfast of the Month, less than 10 percent of the membership carries on valiantly in an ever-improving program of trade union activity. — Colorado Labor Advocate.



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Anti-monopolist fight on San Luis is coming to head

The fundamental issue of whether state water deliveries utilizing federally subsidized facilities in the San Luis Project Authorization Bill shall be permitted to escape the anti-monopoly, anti-speculation protections of reclamation law is rapidly coming to a head in the House of Representatives.

The specific exemption of these federally subsidized waters is contained in Section 7 of the San Luis Bill presently before the House Rules Committee waiting on a rule for floor debate. The exemption provision was deleted in the Senate-passed bill last year in an historic five-day debate which saw Senators Morse, Douglas and Neuberger successfully argue the firm position of the AFLCIO and small farmer groups.

In the House of Representatives, the companion measure, authored by Congressman B. F. Sisk, was sent to the Rules Committee with the specific exemption provision still in the measure.

However, it is reported that Congressman Sisk is now moving to have the provision removed when the measure reaches the floor of the House.

C. J. Haggerty, state AFLCIO secretary-treasurer, said in San Francisco: "We are pleased to hear of the steps being taken by Representative Sisk in the direction of cleaning up this important San Luis Project Authorization Bill." — California Labor Federation.

What Regents rejected, CLC Board had tabled

The Central Labor Council executive committee tabled for further investigation the request of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for concurrence in a request to UC to rent its stadium to the new professional football team here. Later the Regents turned down the request.

The point had been raised at a CLC meeting that the use by a private commercial project of facilities provided by taxpayers was a public policy question to be studied carefully.

Unaffiliated union gets slapped down by NLRB

DENVER — The National Labor Relations Board has slapped down an attempt by the unaffiliated National Brotherhood of Packinghouse Workers to gain a foothold at the Swift Co. plant here through a front organization claiming to be a craft union.

The NBPW is the self-styled union which has been "organizing" strike-breakers at Wilson & Co. meat plants. — AFLCIO News.

Carpenters invest millions to buy new building jobs

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publicity the union movement would receive in the process would be of the constructive sort.

CO-OP HOUSING

The delegates voted to enter a smaller but promising local program for creating some jobs for building craftsmen. That is, they voted to have the BTC sponsor the cooperative housing project at Winton Avenue and the freeway proposed by Dean Morrison, a builder, reported in East Bay Labor Journal February 19.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that William Walters, the attorney engaged to examine the matter, had made a favorable report to the Board of Business Agents, and that the board recommended sending the letter to FHA required to set the ball rolling.

The special committee of the council on the subject, consisting of President Joseph Pruss, Childers, and Charles Roe of the Hayward Carpenters, will be expanded to five members and will serve as the directors of the project until all the cooperative apartments are sold.

The provision of housing law under which the project will be undertaken is that cheaper money at longer terms is supplied by FHA for cooperative housing projects sponsored by non-profit groups with a considerable number of members who might be interested in occupying some of the apartments after construction is completed.

The BTC puts up no money, but if the project isn't carried out, pays the attorney's fee. Morrison, the builder, who has plans and specifications already, and is putting up a considerable amount of money of his own, hopes to start work by June 1.

LETTERS TO CONGRESS

Either more letters are going to be written to Congressmen by rank and file members of unions or within five years there may be so much severe legislation against unions that membership will be cut fifty percent.

Attention was called to two very important measures on which letters should be sent, and now.

The Landrum-Griffin law has already made picketing difficult, so write or wire to your Congressman with copies to Congressman Carl Perkins, chairman of the subcommittee, endorsing HR 9070, which makes the picketing regulations more reasonable.

Another important bill is HR 7155, which would remove the clause in the San Luis Dam project benefiting corporation farmers.

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State Federation Board will elect successor to Haggerty

The election of C. J. (Neil) Haggerty to the presidency of the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department was the principal theme of conversation this week in labor circles.

Haggerty, chosen by the Executive Council of the Department to succeed Richard Gray, who resigned recently after 17 years in office, will take his new post April 1.

The Executive Council of the California Labor Federation will in obedience to the constitution of that body choose a successor to Haggerty as secretary-treasurer from the vice presidents of the Federation. The matter will then go before the Federation convention in August.

When Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash briefly mentioned at the CLC meeting this week the fact that the Federation Executive Council would soon be choosing a successor to Haggerty, Russ Mathiesen, Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265, commented on the report that Thomas Pitts, now president of the Federation, may be elected to succeed Haggerty. Mathiesen asked how could a Teamster, member of a union expelled from the AFLCIO, assume the chief office in an

AFLCIO State Federation, "yet here," said Mathiesen, "we lost a very able president of the Central Labor Council on that very ground?" He was referring to Al Brown of Milk Drivers 302, former CLC president.

Ash explained that Pitts does have membership in a Culinary local in Long Beach, and that basically it must be remembered that the top AFLCIO officers have ruled that so long as a member of the Teamsters is not a paid officer of that union he can hold office as a paid officer of a county or State AFLCIO group.

Mathiesen said that in any event he felt it might be advisable to have a protest made against the naming of a Teamster to the chief office of the State Federation, but after Jack Faber, Cooks 228, Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, and Harry Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 886, had spoken against the idea, Mathiesen withdrew his suggestion. The speakers against it held that such a protest would simply stir up unnecessary ill feeling.

(See page 8 for editorial on Haggerty entitled "A labor statesman goes to an important office.")

Tribune unit wins Guild election, casts top vote to aid Portland strike

The Oakland Tribune unit of the San Francisco - Oakland Guild is the newest unit of that organization, but its candidate Frank Finney has been elected treasurer of the Guild.

Finney got 404 votes, to the 243 cast for Ed Reynolds of the Examiner, and the 176 for Al Dipman of the News Call-Bulletin. All 108 votes from the Tribune unit went to its candidate, and the Chronicle unit cast a smashing 147 votes for Finney and divided 45 votes between the other two candidates. Finney got a good vote in all units.

The Guild voted 536 to 285 for a dollar-per-month assessment to support the strike in Portland against the Oregonian and Journal. In this vote, too, the new Tribune unit ranked high in terms of percentage of votes cast for the assessment, surpassing not only some of the other units, but surpassing in percentage of affirmative votes the Guild as a whole.

Teacher seeks work in Bay Area labor movement

Local unions in this area are being asked to telephone ANDover 1-0424 between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. or KELlog 4-7454 if they have or know of any labor movement position in the Bay Area for a public school teacher who wishes to be more active for labor than he can be in his present position as a teacher.

His experience includes 5 years high school teaching, leadership in the local Teachers Union; analyses of budgetary, working conditions, and academic problems; negotiations with the School Board and administration; and 4 years service as a delegate to the Central Labor Council.

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8th Cong. District Demos command governor for reprieving of Chessman

Governor Edmund G. Brown was unanimously commended for his "courageous action in granting a reprieve to Caryl Chessman" by the 8th Congressional District Council of Democratic Clubs meeting at San Leandro City Hall, Friday, February 26. Delegates represented Democratic Clubs in East Oakland, Alameda, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward, Castro Valley and Fremont.

Speakers pointed out that precedent for Governor Brown's action was set by Governor James Folsom of Alabama who in September 1958 acceded to a suggestion from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that he commute the sentence of James Wilson, a Negro condemned to death for allegedly stealing \$1.95. Protest from abroad was given as the reason for Dulles' request.

The Council reaffirmed support of a resolution adopted by the State Convention of the Democratic Council calling for abolition of capital punishment in California and will urge all Democratic legislators to support this position.

FOR AND BILL will be under debate so soon that anyone who wishes to write a letter to Congressmen urging its passage had better do so right now, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash states. The bill helps the aged when ill.

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Congressman Cohelan views Postoffice Clerks skill test

Congressmen found a miniature Post Office operating full blast in one of their own offices recently when several vice presidents of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL-CIO) staged a unique demonstration of postal dexterity for Senators and Representatives.

Federation Vice President Emmet Andrews of San Francisco explained to a large audience of solons how mail is sorted or "cased" in a regulation mail case set up for display with scheme books to dramatize the complexity of the routings or schemes which clerks must commit to memory before they can perform their duties.

The demonstration took place in the office of Rep. Thomas Pelly who is sponsoring a bill to provide additional pay for the homework involved in memorizing postal schemes — a chore which has been likened to memorizing half a telephone book. Congressman Jeffery Cohealan of Berkeley and Oakland witnessed the demonstration.

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A labor statesman goes to an important office

If the Executive Council of the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department had combed the country over with a fine tooth comb, they couldn't have found a better man for president of the Department than the man they chose, C. J. (Neil) Haggerty.

As former secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles Building Trades Council, and now for years an international vice president of one of the building trades unions, he is thoroughly familiar with the special problems of the building trades.

As secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, AFL, and now for some years as secretary-treasurer of the AFLCIO California Federation of Labor, he has grappled with the problems of all the unions of the labor movement, and has shown besides a statesman's grasp of the problems of the people outside the labor movement who are its natural allies, the family farmer, the independent merchant, the professional man, who realizes that the world is changing, and the consumer in all walks of life who is alert to the fact that production should not serve greed, but need.

We have used the word, statesman, advisedly, for Neil Haggerty is a labor statesman of the first order. There is no man who can come nearer to bridging the cleft which originally caused the split in the labor movement, and which, as George Meany says, we have moved into our own house since the merger of AFL and CIO—there is no man more capable of doing this than Neil Haggerty.

He has been called, and with reason, a good politician, lobbyist, diplomat, and administrator, but he is so good in each category that he deserves indeed the inclusive title of statesman, a man who has learned supremely well all the routine skills, but in the course of learning them has acquired that sure intuitive sense, that consummate ease of performance and that breadth of vision the true statesmen must have.

Brother Neil himself will appreciate the sincerity of our tribute to him, and our pleasure in his election to this important post, because he knows very well that when the Alameda County labor movement has disagreed with him on anything, East Bay Labor Journal has not been hesitant about expressing that disagreement, nor overly restrained in the manner in which it was expressed. We might even go so far as to say that we've hammered like hell on Neil when we thought he was wrong and moved out vigorously to support him when we thought he was right at times when men living under the protection of his prestige never stirred a finger to back him.

We wish him well in his new and very high position, and we congratulate the building trades on having elected him.

Goldwater-Tricky strategy

Senator Goldwater and three other Republicans who are members of the McClellan Committee which has been investigating racketeering in unions and business have issued a report calling the United Automobile Workers leadership as corrupt as the Teamsters higher officers are alleged to be.

The Republican Senators emphasize the Kohler strike in Wisconsin, and the Perfect Circle strike in Indiana, and devote much space to attacking Walter Reuther.

Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel for the McClellan Committee, has issued a statement declaring that this little band of Republican Senators, "blinded by an across-the-board hatred for organized labor—which fails to differentiate between corrupt and honest labor officials—have consistently tried to blacken the name of labor in any way possible . . . The report of the Republican members of the committee is false."

This gives some idea of what labor is going to be up against in the 1960 campaign. The Goldwater gang will be trying to persuade the voters that we're a bunch of crooks, and at the same time their allies in the GOP will be trying to persuade the voters in general, and us in particular, that it was Tricky Dick Nixon who won the steel strike for us.

Then there will be little cheap dirty tricks such as a Palo Alto high school student wrote a letter to the Chronicle about last week. He said that the Palo Alto Unified School District authorities released a group of high school students from their studies to "go and meet the Vice President" at the San Francisco Airport. When they got there they found themselves enmeshed with busloads of "Young Republicans" and realized that they were being used in a demonstration to make it appear that all high school students are for Nixon for President.

Whoever authorized the time off from studies for the kids to go and meet a candidate for office ought to be canned.

But what did those who know Tricky Dick's past methods of campaigning expect? The answer is plain: Exactly the sort of thing that's happening.

How Do I Get To Be a Member?



PORTLAND UNIONS ARE VICTIMS OF DYNAMITE

James Goodsell, editor of the Oregon Labor Press, who is doing a heroic job informing the world about the issues in the strike against the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, editorialized as follows on the dynamiting of trucks hauling the struck papers, and the subsequent arrest of a member of the Stereotypers Union:

If the newspaper truck dynamiting case had been planned personally by the publishers of the Oregonian and Oregon Journal, it could not have served their purpose more perfectly.

It gave them a chance to raise the cry of "union violence" in the biggest, blackest headlines they have used since V-J Day.

They immediately put crews of telephone solicitors and door-to-door canvassers to work, attempting to regain subscriptions as a result of this "union outrage."

They spread the story across page after page of their newspaper, spiced with dozens of photographs and a carefully selected "history" of violent acts in past newspaper strikes in other parts of the country.

This sensational build-up was calculated to give the public the impression that the truck dynamiting was a plot executed and approved by Portland's newspaper unions.

But for these unions and their members, the bombing was something entirely different. For them it was a tragedy.

It was, as the Labor Press said two weeks ago, "sabotage to the morale and hopes of 850 union families who have sacrificed through 88 strike days for a cause they know is honorable and just. If the public was shocked by the lawless dynamiting, the shock is far greater for these decent, honorable men and women."

The stupid bombing of newspaper trucks hurt no one but the newspaper unions. It certainly didn't hurt the Oregonian and Journal; they didn't miss a single edition, and their anti-

Labor's output

As the Wall Street Journal recently pointed out in a roundup article on automation, the number of production workers has decreased from 12,700,000 in 1948 to 12,200,000 today.

At the same time, industrial output has jumped from 100 on the Federal Reserve index to 157 in October of 1959, a fantastic rise of 52 percent.

With automation, fewer workers are producing more goods than ever. This, combined with an ever-growing labor force, is resulting in continued serious unemployment even at the height of industrial booms. —

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CHESSMAN CASE

Editor, Labor Journal:

I am sending an open letter to the Legislature which includes the following:

"According to the news, you are to assemble to rule on capital punishment.

And it is also said that you will try to impeach Governor Edmund G. Brown, for the part he played in the Chessman case.

"Not Governor Brown, or Chessman, but YOU are on TRIAL. Not only the eyes of GOD and California are upon you, but the eyes of all mankind.

"Chessman has proved the utter foolishness of men to think that they can regulate morals by making laws.

"Instead of the blessings of liberty, the late State Supreme Court Justice complained that the State constitution tried to regulate everything. YOU, and your predecessors have taken the public's pay to make for them a jungle of laws that even you do not fully comprehend. You strain at gnats, and swallow camels.

"Go ahead, and make your laws, which will be of short duration. You shall have all Eternity to repent your rashness."

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INCURABLE AMA

A generation ago, the AMA opposed the requirement that all cases of tuberculosis be reported to a public authority—the foundation for all T.B. control methods. The AMA opposed the National Tuberculosis Act a week before Congress passed it unanimously. The AMA fought compulsory vaccination for smallpox. The AMA attacked provisions for immunization against diphtheria and other preventive measures against contagious diseases by public health agencies. — W. T. O'Rear, in Valley Labor Citizen.

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ELECTION YEAR

This is an election year. The great eiderdown quilt of complacency under which the Administration has invited us to crawl has almost convinced us that there are no "real issues." If we are not to lose one of the great sources of our strength, we must disabuse ourselves of that nonsensical, that narcotic belief. If ever there have been issues worth debating, we may be sure they are still with us.—John W. Vandercook.

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CENTRAL ISSUE

The central issue of the world struggle is whether the Soviet system or a liberal system can deal best with the problems that beset mankind. In that struggle we shall surely lose if we tell the world that, though we have the richest economy in all history, our liberal system is such that we cannot afford a sure defense and adequate provision for the civil needs of our people."—Walter Lippmann.

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IF AMERICA!

If America is truly determined to restore the intellectual quality and excellence of our people, both for their own sake and for the sake of our vulnerable position in world affairs, this Congress must enact a meaningful education bill. — Senator Wayne Morse.

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LOUD REPORT

When some men discharge an obligation, you can hear the report for miles around. — Mark Twain.